

To the Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2015 without my signature.

This bill is unnecessary. While I appreciate the author's intent to provide foster youth with exceptional needs a voice in their individualized education program, I believe that current law already responsibly addresses this issue. This bill mandates that the foster youth with exceptional needs over the age of 13 be included on the individual education program team. Current law already requires the individual education program team to include the individual with exceptional needs, whenever appropriate.

For this reason, I am unable to support this legislation.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger